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Dear Ms. Brenner,

Because the Anson piece says you were involved in gathering the documents relating to the coming Dark Side Of Sy Hersh, I enclose a bit that you may find some use for when his book is out or in response to criticism of the current issue.

With regard to the reported Hersh line that the Kennedys were involved in or behind the CIA's plot with the mafia to assassinate Castro, as you will see from the enclosed CIA disclosure to me, that was of the Eisenhower administration, dating to the August before the election that made Kennedy President. Robert Kennedy was informed of it after it was exposed by some ham-handedness in Vegas ~~inxxix~~ relating to the Dan Martin/Phyllis McGuire affair. I have several FBI files on that but the point here is that it was not a Kennedy project and as the CIA itself states, no Kennedy knew about it. The notes on that record as disclosed to me were made when I did not anticipate this kind of use for it but those notes of mine are readily identifiable.

Anson also states that far "from opposing the C.I.A.-~~Xxfix~~ Mob-Castro plots, as Kennedy hagiography had it, Bobby had been their chief instigator from the spring of 1962 onward." That was some time after it was all over. Besides which the mafia did nothing, really, except pretend to do what the Eisenhower CIA asked it to do. It not only was not, it could not have been a Kennedy deal.

With reference to the alleged Catholic Church annulment of the ~~xxx~~ rumored JFK marriage, in one of my many FOIA lawsuits, mostly against the FBI, it disclosed to me the results of its investigation proving there had been no such marriage. It is now physically impossible for me to search those records and send you a copy because I'm 84, in impaired health, and the use of stairs, with the third of a million pages I got by those lawsuits in the basement, is too dangerous for me. However, once disclosed, as that was to me, those records are supposed to be available to everyone in the FBI's public reading room, with copies if wanted.

It is not easy for me to believe that Hersh began this indecency intending it to relate to the JFK assassination because in any serious research on it I can not be avoided. I am the only one whose books (ten) are based entirely on the official evidence and everyone working in the field knows I make all I have available to all writing in the field. Not only that third of a million pages I got by FOIA lawsuits. I am the only one of whom the FBI said, in court, that I know more about it than anyone working for it. I never heard from Hersh.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg

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